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A LETETR VVRITTEN BY CAPtaine EDVVARD WINNE, to the Righe Honourable, Sir *George Caluert*, Knight, his Maiesties Principall Secretary: From *Fe-ryland* in *Newfoundland*, the 26. of August. 1621.

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE, Sir *George Caluert*, Knight, his Maieſties prin*cipall Secretary*.

May it pleaſe your Honour,

VPon the 26. day of *Iune*, betweene 12. and 1. in the morning we did ſet ſaile & departed from *Plimmoth*, and vpon the 4. day of *Auguſt*, (Gods name be praiſed for it) we ſafely arriued at *Feryland*. There happened nothing in our ouer-bound paſſage worthy your Honours leaſure of reading. Our paſſage was ſomewhat tedious, the

which hapned by meanes of much Westerly winds, and not without some foule weather.

The first land we made was that to the Westward of *Cape de Raze*, and the wind at North-east, by reason whereof our ariuall aforesaid was prolonged by the space of two dayes, in the interim of which time wee trauersed to and againe, to make good that which might mainetaine that outwardnesse towards our wished Harbour. Hauing the happines of a cleere skie al about, & both Coast and Continent without any Rayne, Fogge or Hazines, they being in these parts the com-

common attendants of Easterly winds. By this commodity I had the full view of the Coast betweene (as wee supposed) *Cape Saint Maries*, *Cape de Raze*, and *Cape Ballard*, and as farre as *Renouze*, and as we hold alongst the same, I saw (in my meane iudgmẽt) the beautifullest Coast and the pleasantest Sea Cant that euer mine eyes beheld, for that spacious tract. It is a very Champion Country without any Hill, appearing either within Land, or vpon the Coast, representing it selfe vnto me like a pleasant Medow, and the Seabanke all along of an equall height, and that so indifferent,

that out of a floating Boat one may eaſily throw a quoit vpon the leuell ſhore. Of the fertility of the ſoyle I can ſay nothing onely that it is very probable that much or moſt part thereof may proue very good with the help of mans induſtry, ſeeming to be void of woods, and the endowments of Harbours and Roades for Shipping, *Trepaſſey* excepted.

Renouze is a place of great fiſhing, and about a league to the Northward of the ſame is the Harbour of *Farmoze*, thence to *Agnafort*, another league, from thence to *Feyland* about a mile, & to *Cape Broyle* another, including

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ding *Capling Bay* between both, being ignorant as yet of that to the Northward of the same. But from *Renoze* to *Cape Broyle*, for Woods and pleasant Harbours they are most pleasant to behold, the Sea Cant whereof being vneuen and hilly, yet not extreme, but of height indifferent, the Inland more enclining towards a Champion, and by generall consent here, *Feryland* is as pleasant and as profitable a Harbour as any in the Land. It is endowed with about 100. acres of pasture land, and as much more of that which is wooddie: all which lying to the Sea-boord of the beach, which

ſeuers it ſo from the Maine, that it is almoſt an Iland. There is likewiſe about 200. acres more, lying cloſe to the Harbour, the which (with ſome labour) may be made good paſture land.

The Sea coaſt to the Northward of *Renouze*, is moſt capable and fitteſt for Wood-land as now it is, but (moſt deſtroyed) from the bottome of the Harbours, and ſo inwards, for arable and (moſt) paſture.

Both Sea and Land heere ſwarme (as it were) with benefits and bleſſings of God for mans vſe and reliefe.

The Land here is (without doubt) very fertile, for *I* haue

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ſince my arriuall ſeene Wheate, Barly and Rye, growing here full eared & kerned, the which had beene accidentally ſhed out of Salt Mats among Stones & Graſſe. Therefore ground of better choiſe, well manured and fitly prepared, will doubtleſſe bring forth plentifull increaſe, and wherefore there is no iuſt doubt to be made: for in reaſon where there is a Summer, there will be a Harueſt.

Beſides there are many other inuitements, which (as it were) becken vnto your Honors perſeuerance. Firſt the commodity of the Salt, which for vent and making here may fitly and

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ceſſarily bee vndertaken. Secondly Hempe and Flaxe for cordage, and thred for neceſſary vſes, as alſo for Nets and Lines for fiſhing, Tarre, Yron and Timber in ſome meaſure, and places to be had for boords and building, & alſo for Maſts, and yards for Shipping. So likewiſe Hops will grow heere a profitable Marchandize. Alſo here are two fiſhing ſeaſons, the the former for dry fiſh, and the latter for Cor-fiſh: wherewith (together with the traine of the whole) many Ships are imploied to the Market & otherwiſe.

My want of leaſure cauſeth me to omit many things, which

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otherwise I might haue enlarged, this my seruice of writing.

By the consent and aduise of some of the masters of this Harbour, I am become an humble suter vnto your Honour for the redresse of such abuses, the which (except a speedy redresse may be had) wil ouerthrow the whole.

1. And first that Stones or Ballast may not from henceforth be cast into the Harbour, and the Beaches preserued. 2. Secondly, that no man neither burne nor pull downe Stages, Flakes, nor any part thereof. 3. Thirdly that the rinding of Trees may be prohibited, but

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only ſuch as ſhall bee felled for neceſſary vſes and needefull behoofes. Fourthly, that all ſuch Woods and Timber-trees ſo felled, may bee cut cloſe to to the ground. 5. Laſtly, that no man may bee wronged in their Boats and traine-fats, or in any thing elſe whatſoeuer. And therefore if this by your Honors fauour and procurement may be had, a proſperous & flouriſhing time will follow, and all things here will goe on well hereafter, the which God grant: And for the which, the ſaid Maſters humbly pray that large penalties may (therin be ſpecified, and firſt to be proclaimed

claimed in *England*. Thus referring all vnto your Honors wisdome and full consideration.

Our busines, or rather your Honors now goeth forward apace; the frame is in hand, and almost ready for the rearing; the seller is already diged; al things by Gods grace and blessed assistance shall be performed with al care & diligence, whereof your Honour may be pleased to rest assured, as by the successe of my carefulnesse it shall plainely appeare.

The 5. persons and prouision from aboord the *Beniamin*, are safely ariued here the 17. of *August*, but not without some danger, for I was enforced to send for

for them in two shallops of fishing Boates from the Iles of *Speare*, 4 leagues from this place.

The place whereon I haue made choise to plant and build vpon, is according to the Letter *A* in this superficiall draught here inclosed, it being the fittest the warmest, and most commodious of all about the Harbour. And as soone as the house and fortification is fitted and finished, I shall (God willing) prepare and fence in a proportion of seede ground, and a Garden close by the house. It may please your Honour not to send any Cattle the next yeere, because I cannot prouid fodder

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for them ſo ſoone, before there bee ſome quantity of Corne growing, but it may pleaſe your Honour to ſend ſome Goates, a few tame Conies for breede, as alſo Pigs, Geeſe, Ducks and Hens. I haue ſome Hens already: ſome Spades from *London* were neceſſary, if of the beſt making, alſo ſome good Pick-axes, yron Croes, and a Smith, and alſo ſuch as can brew and bake.

Meale and Malt would bee ſent rather then otherwiſe, being both better cheap, & of leſſe waſte, yet referring all to your Honors pleaſure therein, humbly praying you would be pleaſed

fed to proceed with all cheere-fulnes, nothing doubting of a good and profitable ſucceſſe, for here are are great hopes, and a large Territory for to imploy and receiue many needy people in a bleſſed and a profitable doing, euen who may liue heere both wealthily and happily.

And withall it may likewiſe pleaſe your Honour, that after one yeere more we ſhall be able to ſubſiſt of our ſelues by our owne induſtry, with Maſter *Iennings* his helpe and furtherance, and that with his profit and content.

I doubt not but that within the compaſſe of a ſmall time to

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make your Honour a ſauer.

If your Honor pleaſe, you may defer the ſending of a ſalt Pan one yeere more. *Brigs* and *Owen* hath bin touched with the Scurvie, but are now well recouered but all the reſt of vs are in perfect health, I thanke God for it.

One Maſter *Yawe*, Maſter of a Ship of *Barnſtable* (whoſe owner is called Maſter *Strange*) hee did ſpare mee halfe his Stage; the which did ſtand me in great ſteede to put my prouiſion in at the firſt landing of them. Maſter *Luxen*, a Maſter of another Ship of *Barnſtable*, hee ſhewed me much courteſie, & beſtowed on me a Hen and 10. Chick-

ens. Master *Richard Martin*, Master of the *Blessing* of *Dartmouth*, he gaue me a couple of yong Pullets, kind entertainement, and many good turnes. Master *Michael Waltham*, Master of a Ship of *Weimouth*, hee went in person to the Ile of *Speare*, in a Boate of his owne, to helpe to fetch our men and prouision from aboord the *Beniamin*, hee hath besides done mee many good Offices, and hath sent mee many presents of Fresh-fish, and his Mate bestowed on mee a good Hen.

My happinesse of preuayling herherto hath beene such, that all the Masters as well as the com-

common ſort throughout this Harbour haue vſed me kindly, and to ſay truely, I haue not diſcerned ſo much as a ſowre aſpect vpon mee amongſt them all.

I haue not beene (and pleaſe your Honour) wanting in any thing, which by faire perſwaſions might produce a good liking of your Honours proceedings: inſomuch that (I am perſwaded) diuers wil ſtay with me another yeere. Therefore I humbly pray your Honour to entreate Maſter *Iennings* to ſend me 3. Peeces of Ordnance, a full Saker, a Minion, & a leſſer Peece for our defence, a Drumme,

and a Ship Ancient.

And thus with my humble duty remembred, I moſt humbly ceaſe to trouble your Honour any further for this time, reſting

Your Honors moſt humble and faithfull ſeruant,
Edward Winne.

Feryland, the 26. of Auguſt. 1621.

ANOTHER LETTER of the 28. of Auguſt, from the ſaid Captaine *Winne*, vnto Maſter Secretary *Calvert*.

MAy it pleaſe your Honour,

Vpon the 26. of this preſent I deliuered vnto one Maſter Henry Zeny, *Maſter of a Ship of* Milbrooke, *neere* Plimmoth, *a Packet directed to Maſter* Iennings, *wherein my Letters to your Honour were encloſed: the Coppies whereof I haue likewiſe here incloſed, and haue ſent the ſame by one Maſter* Buſſe, *Maſter of the*

Prosperous a Ship of Bristol, humbly praying your Honour, that I may be furnished with all necessary Tooles and prouision of Victuals the next yeare, and if your Honour may, with about the number of twenty persons more, whereof a Surgeon, and a learned and a religious Minister: that then your Honour may be pleased by Gods assistance, not to doubt of a good and a profitable successe in euery respect, and a flourishing plantation, women would bee necessary heere for many respects. Some two miles from this Harbour, direct West, there is a pleasant Champion fit for the Farme, which I trust with your Honours leaue, to set forward another yeere. And thus with my

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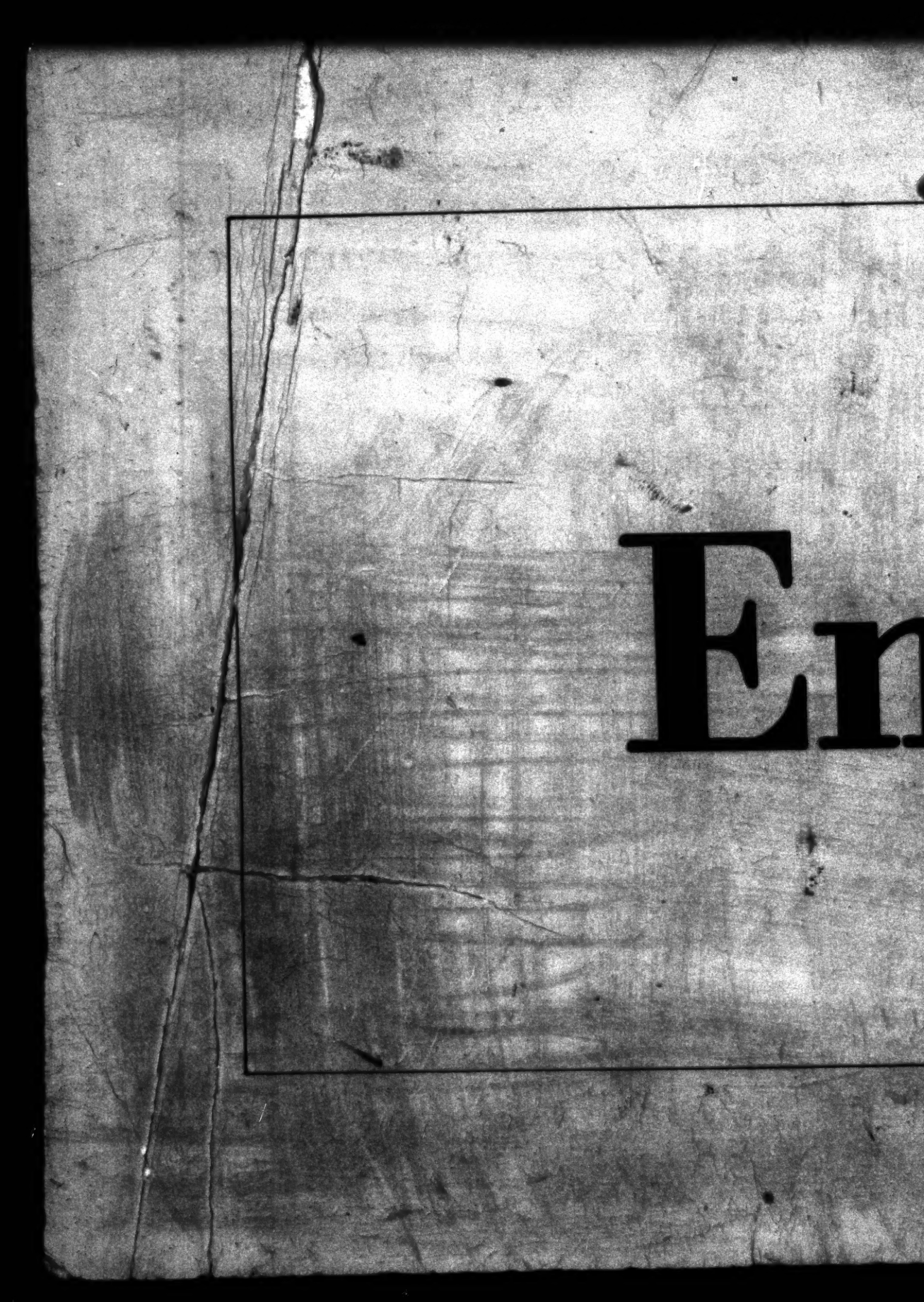
humble duty remembred and recommended vnto your Honour and my good Lady, beſeeching the Almighty to bleſſe you and yours, and ſo I reſt.

Your Honors moſt humble
faith full and obedient ſeruant,
Edward Winne.

From *Ferryland*, the 28. of
Auguſt 1621.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